

SHE THINKS SHE'S MARY TYLER MOORE

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life as situation comedy
with canned laughter &
canned feelings
no booze or dope for her
she's high on life
life as situation comedy
gets uneasy sensing
the heat in you
wants to change the channel
when you talk of something
she doesn't understand
& she doesn't understand
much of what you say
doesn't even seem to hear you
what with her five second delay
bleeping out anything
offensive
it's as if she's watching tv
all the time
& you're an interruption
her mind waltzing with some
impossibly perfect Fred Astaire
while you stumble thru
a funky little two step
without choreographers
without producers
& not suitable for all members
of the family.

-- Al Masarik

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STAMPED ON THE POEMS WITH DARK RED GLUE

i'm a poet and no
body prints me
my poems are look
you write too
much you grind
the world to
hamburg youve got
to do something
else stop please
don't think me
baby hard

WORKSHOP

people apologizing for
saying they dashed this
off in an hour that it
was old not serious or
somebody elses packed
in a drawer in a desk
that was burned in a
house they cant remember